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Northwestern Will Begin Quarterly Magazine Alumni Publication



New Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library Will Have Tremendous Educational, Cultural, Architectural Impact On Natchitoches

commodate more than 1,000 persons and will hold a minimum of 350,000 volumes,

which will nearly double the university's present library capacity.

Completely carpeted and air-conditioned, the building will be illuminated by mer-cury vapor lights in large public areas and fluorescent lighting in offices and other smaller rooms.

MacKenzie said the interior of the building is decorated with harmonizing colors and is completely furnished with new and modern equipment.

More than 60 individual study areas will be available throughout the library to all students and others who utilize the building.

The library also contains a vast media center which provides microfilm, phonorecords, tapes, a small photographic laboratory, various copying machines, and other audio-visual equipment

Also included in the library are a reserve book reading room, a reference room, a serials reading room, and lounge facilities for graduate students, faculty and staff.

One of the most important sections of the library is the specially-furnished Louisiana

Room and Archives Area. For many years, Northwestern's Louisiana Collection has been one of the outstanding library collections in the state.

Northwestern's new library will be named the Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library in honor of the man who served as librarian at NSU from 1940 until his death in 1964.

Russell Library, which has served the university for 36 years, will be transformed into a classroom building to be used primarily by students in industrial education and technology.

Northwestern State University librarian Donald MacKenzie says the \$3 million library which is nearing completion on the NSU campus will have "an enormous cultural, educational, and architectural impact on the Natchitoches area.

Preparing to move into the gigantic building in August in order to open the facility for the fall semester, MacKenzie said the three-story edifice "will bring architectural

distinction and beauty to the new face of the Northwestern campus."

The library is located on the western side of the campus and will be practically in the center of the university's physical plant.

Just a decade ago, the western part of the sprawling, 916-acre Northwestern campus was a veritable pasture, but more than \$13 million in construction in recent years has created a "new Northwestern" on the rolling hills west of what was once considered the heart of the campus.

The approach to Natchitoches from the west will be enhanced by the impressive building, a modernistic fountain in front of the library, and tasteful landscaping centered around towering pines near the building.

A large concrete parking lot running along College Avenue from the library to the Nat-

chitoches Trade School will make the building easily accessible to students, faculty, and the public.

Designed by architects DeKeyser, Ponthie and Boutte of Alexandria and L. Jaco LeBlanc Associates of Lafayette, the library is being constructed by McInnis Brothers of Minden.

MacKenzie said the building will contain 100,000 square feet of space on three floors. It is structurally designed to support two additional floors should expansion become necessary in the future.

A covered walk extends entirely around the ground floor. Upper floors are served by three elevators, placed side by side just off the main stairway. This will permit easy and rapid access to all parts of the building.

Alumni Columns To Be Replaced

This will be the final issue of the newspaper-style Alumni Columns at Northwestern. Beginning next fall, the university will publication in a magazine format.

Members of the board of directors of the Alumni Association approved the change from the current publication to the quarterly, which will run from 12 to 20 pages each issue.

Current plans call for the use of color covers and other attractive features to make the alumni journal more enjoyable for the nearly 15,000 Northwestern graduates who receive the

publication.

With the inauguration of the new magazine, Nor-thwestern officials hope to stimulate increased interest in and among NSU alumni. For example, at least one graduate will be featured in each issue in a lengthy article and photographic

On another page of this issue of the Alumni Columns, you will find several forms which we requesting that you complete and mail to Northwestern. The new anagazine cannot be a success without the help and cooperation of our alumni, and you can help by in-forming us of your accomplishments and activities since graduation and also by suggesting to us persons you would like to see featured in the magazine.

Northwestern officials are also asking for your assistance in arriving at a name for the new magazine. Perhaps we will want to retain the name, Alumni Columns. If so, let us know by completing the forms in this issue.

Numerous other names have been suggested for the publication, including The Norhhwestern Alumnus, Northwestern Demonotes, Northwestern Demonews, The Northwestern Family, NSU Alumni News, Northwestern Alumni Review, NSU Alumni Bulletin, the Northwestern Quarterly, The Demon, The Northwestern Graduate, NSU Alumni Magazine and others.

So please take time to complete the forms asking for information on yourself, on persons you feel should be featured in the magazine and on suggestions for naming

the publication.



LOOKING OVER plans for a proposed \$1 million recreational complex at Northwestern State University are Shirley Dickson, Center Point, lowa, chairman of the NSU Student Union Research and Development Committee, and Robert Wilson, Student Union director. Students at Northwestern have approved a proposal to finance the complex through a special student fee.

Ex-NBA Star Bailey Howell To Make Guest Appearance During Northwestern's Sixth Annual Basketball Camp

Bailey Howell, one of the most talked about offensive rebounders in the National Basketball Association's history, will make a special guest appearance July 13th during the first week of the sixth annual Northwestern Basketball Camp, it was announced recently by camp director Tynes Hildebrand. Howell, who is one of only

Howell, who is one of only three men in NBA history to have committed 3,000 personal fouls, is now retired from professional basketball, having spent 12 years with four teams during which he compiled 9,383 career rebounds.

The Northwestern Basketball Camp opens July 9 and runs through July 22. The camp is broken into two week-long sessions.

Howell the 6-foot-7, 35-year old former All-American from Mississippi State, played his first five years of pro ball with the Detroit Pistons, who claimed him as their No. 1 draft choice in 1959. In 1964, he was traded by Detroit to the Baltimore Bullets in a deal that involved eight players. He was with the Bullets for two years. 1 n 1966, Baltimore traded him to Boston for Mel Counts and money. Howell was with Boston's Celtics for four years.

four years.

Howell now lives in

Mississippi and is a

representative of the Converse Rubber Company.

In 12 years of professional basketball, Howell played in 951 games, which ranks him fifth on the all-time list. He scored 17,770 points for an 18.7 career scoring average and shot 48 per cent during his NBA career.

He committed 3,499 personal fouls in 12 years of proball, ranking him third on the all-time list, behind Hal Greer, who passed him while Howell was with the 76ers, and Dolph Schoyes who established the all-time record for personal fouls during his 16 years with Syracuse.

Jerry Dyes Staying On The Road In Strong Effort To Return Northwestern To Prominence In Track

Coach Jerry Dyes, celebrating his first spring as head track coach at Northwestern with a fantastic recruiting campaign, is serious about returning the Demons to prominence in track and field.

By June 7, Dyes had signed three two-milers and two outstanding milers. He's signed three good half-milers and three quarter-milers. Others he's signed include one sprinter, one high and intermediate hurdler, one long jumper and two pole vaulters.

Probably the best known recruits that Dyes has picked up this spring are two-miler John Been of Lincoln-Way High school in Lenox, Ill, miler Leo Gatson of Marshall, Tex., and quarter-miler Andrei Moore of Texas High in Texarkana, Tex.

Been ran the two-mile this year in 3:16 which is seven seconds faster than the Louisiana high school state record and 17 seconds faster than any Louisiana distance runner ran this year.

Gatson's official best time

in the mile this year was 4:21.1, but has run 4:17.5, according to his high school coach.

Trying to put NSU on the same track and field level with such track powers as Louisiana Tech, McNeese, Southwestern Louisiana and LSU, Dyes signed hurdler Herman Brister of Baton Rouge Capitol. Brister, who is 6-foot-3, ran 14.2 this year in the high hurdles and finished third in the state AAAA meet in Baton Rouge. His best intermediate time is 38.6

Demons Close Down Spring Sports; Improvement Shown On All Fronts

Charlie Jackson, sophomore outfielder from Arkansas, won this year's batting title at Northwestern with a .307 average, while sophomore catcher-outfielder Tommy Henry lost a gallant bid to win the title.

Henry, had the batting lead with a .315 average with two games left. At the time he was only four hits away from the school record for most hits in a single season, but Henry struck out six straight times in his next two games, lowering his average to .299 and giving Jackson the .title.

Henry went into a tailspin late in the season, striking out eight times in his last 10 official at-bats.

Jackson collected 35 hits during the season, driving in 11 runs and clubbing two homers.

Henry had 38 hits, tied shortstop Bobby Hrapmann's record for most at-bats in a single season (127), and hit seven home runs, three shy of the school record. His seven homers helped Northwestern set a school record for most home runs hit in one season, 23. The old record was 20.

Henry almost rewrote the record book himself this season. He hit seven doubles, one less than the record, and had 66 total bases, which is only five less than the record of 71. His club-leading 28 RBI was one less than the school record.

Using at least 14 innings as a base, freshman Willie Boyd of Opelousas posted the team's lowest ERA by a pitcher, 2.83. Don Zito, 44, had a 3.99 ERA, while Robbie Turninello, who had 11 starts and pitched 71n13 innings, finished with a 4.54 ERA.

Turninello led the team in strikeouts twith 44, while Fred Wolf, who pitched in 31 innings, had the best strikeout average, .81 per inning.

Track

Weight men clearly dominated the final point standings of the 1972 track and field season at NSU.

Six of the top seven point producers were specialists in the field, including the top three performers. Farrell Soileau, long jump, triple jump and high jump artist, won the scoring championship with 55 points. Ramon Triche, who competes only in the javelin, finished second with 45 points, and freshman long and triple jumper Reggie Thompson ranked third with 31 34 points.

Julius Steele, the lone sprinter in the top seven, was fourth with 30% points.

Tennis

Two lads from Texas finished the 1972 season as Northwestern's winningest tennis players.

Freshman Ronnie Herrera of Dallas posted a 12-5 record in singles playing in the No. 3 position, while Joe Cotton of Pasadena was 11-6 from his No. 4 singles position.

Cotton and Herrera played No. 2 in doubles and they posted a 10-5 record. Cotton also teams with Skeeter Salim in doubles, winning two of their four matches. Herrera was 3-1 in doubles with Carlos Blanco, NSU's No. 1 singles player who wsas 8-10 this season.

No. 2 singles player Salim was 6-12, while Hans Leis, who played No. 5, was 10-9,

Golf

For the second straight year, Northwestern State University's golf team has survived the 17-team cut at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) golf tournament.

NSU's golf team, composed of George Risty, Jim Pierson, Mike Pierson, Bob Konsdorf, and Ken Gorsha, won the District 30 NAIA title in Baton Rouge by 21 strokes, qualifying for the 1977 national tournament played in Roswell, N. M. at the New Mexico Military Institute.

Texas Net Stars Sign Contracts

Coach Johnnie Emmons, tennis coach at NSU, announced that his first two recruits for 1972 played their high school tennis in Texas.

Mike Phillips of O'Connell High in Galveston and Martin Vasquez of Corpus Christi are both ranked tennis players in Texas.

Phillips, who is 5-foot-8½, won the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation singles title last year in the 18-and-under division and this spring won the Texas Catholic Interscholastic League singles championship. For the last four years, Phillips has made all-conference at the No. 1 singles position in the Houston Tennis Association's Fall Conference, which has more than 30 schools holding memberships.

Vasquez is the best tennis player with the most potential of anyone ever recruited for Northwestern by Emmons.

Pitchers Signed By Herbie Smith

Northwestern's first two baseball recruits for the 1972 recruiting season were pitcher Butch Cole of Shreveport and 6-foot-7, 260-pound Darrell Woods of Loyola University.

Cole, a righthander from

Cole, a righthander from Southwood, pitched in 58 2/3 innings and gave up 22 hits and 16 runs while striking out 105 batters. He had a .48 earned run average, while posting a 5-4 record.

Dr. Walter Ledet **Presented Award**

Dr. Walter P. Ledet, Jr., has been awarded the Dr. Paul D. Abramson Award as the outstanding third-year surgical resident at Con federate Memorial Medical Center in Shreveport.

The son of NSU registrar Walter P. Ledet, Dr. Ledet has also received the Dr. James H. Campbell Award at Confederate Memorial as

outstanding intern.
On July 1, Ledet will begin his fourth year of residency in general surgery the hospital, and he will serve as chief surgical resident and chief administrative house officer for the next year.

A 1964 graduate of Northwestern, Ledet finished first in a graduating class of 3,948 students.

He is a native of Natchitoches and served as student council representative, president of Alpha Omega Alpha, president of the senior class and was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa while a student at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine.



Graduate N Club **Chapters Formed**

Thirty-two bi-parish areas have been established by the Northwestern Graduate N Club in an effort to strengthen the organization around the state.

Chapter chairmen will be elected from each bi-parish area to work with the officers and directors of the Graduate N Club in membership drives, fund-raising projects and other programs designed to help thwestern.

We are asking for nominees from the 32 chapters. Please send your nominees to Jerry Pierce Secretary-Treasurer, N Club, Nor-Graduate thwestern.

TEN FORMER PRESIDENTS of Blue Key Honor Fraternity were present for the annual Blue Awards Banquet recently.



MR. AND MRS. GUSSIE GOLDBERG Shapiro visited recently on the campus of Northwestern State University, where Mrs. Shapiro earned her degree and teaching certificate in 1919. Mrs. Shapiro, who now resides in San Francisco, is a Louisiana native, and she served for many years as a teacher. The graduate and her husband were welcomed to the campus by Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick, NSU president.

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Suggestions For Feature Articles

Suggestions for Feature Articles I feel that the following alumnus of Northwestern would be an excellent person to feature in one of the upcoming Nor-

thwestern alumni magazines: Name Address	
Reasons for writing a special arti	icle on this particula
graduate:	

Help Us Name The Magazine

Help Us Name the Magazine My suggestion for the title of the Northwestern quarterly alumni magazine is: Other suggestions for the magazine are -

Alumni Here 'N There

MR. JOHN W. PORCHE (BS '69, M. Ed. '70) has recently accepted the Trainer's position with the Dallas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association. John, his wife (Beverly Clark, BS '69) and daughter Felicia, one year old, have moved to Dallas from Memphis, Tennessee on May 15, 1972.

MR. CURTIS CARPENTER (B\$ '40) who has been a teacher with the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board for the past nineteen years will be retiring on May 31, 1972. He has 33 years of experience in the public school system of Louisiana. Eight of these years from 1945-1953, he was the principal of the Bienville High School in Bienville Parish. His last seventeen years have been as mathematics teacher at the Istrouma Jr. High School. He began teaching at the Bentley Elementary School, Bentley, La. in Grant Parish.

DR. JOHN M. NORRIS, JR. (B\$ '39) has been appointed Dean of the School of Humanities at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, La. Dr. Norris taught at the University of Texas in Austin and the University of Texas at El Paso prior to joining the McNeese faculty.

MR. JACK O'NEIL (BS '66)is presently Director of Education and Training at the VA Prosthetics and Bioengineering Research Center, New York, N. Y. His wife, Frances Jackson Freeman (BA '61, M. ED. '66) is a doctoral student at City University of New York. The couple, who with their daughters, Jackie Lee age 12 and Denise age 10, reside at 10F Inwood Road, Port Washington, New York, and would like to hear from other NSU alumni in the New York City area.

DON H. FONTENELLE (MS 68) recently received his Ph.-D. in Clinical Psychology from Oklahoma State University and will complete his internship at the University of Arkansas Medical Center on June 30,

MRS. SARA H. DUNLAP. a 1928 graduate, died March 24 at the age of 95. A native of Boyce, Mrs. Dunlap lived in Denver for the last 21 years of her life. She was also educated at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

DR. TOMMY JOHNSON. head of the Department of Business Education and Office Administration at Northwestern State University, will serve as coordinator of a workshop this summer at NSU on the development of curriculum guidelines nad materials for the teaching or directing of office simulation programs in the public secondary schools of Louisiana.

MRS WADE NOLAN (Fave Belgard, BS, 1965) has completed a year of conducting a program in special education at Pineville Elementary School. Mr. Nolan is director of the new Handi-Work Productions sheltered workshop in Alexandria.

G. W. Zachary, Jr., (BS, 1964) is head coach and athletic director at Claiborne Academy in Homer, his hometown. G. W. played for Northwestern from 1959 until 1963. Before returning to Homer, he coached at Hourna, Jennings and Merryville.



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Forty-five Students Are Enrolled In Special Admission Program

Forty-five students are getting a head start on their college work this summer by participating in the University Program for talented High School Seniors and the Early Admissions Program at Northwestern.

The students, who have completed their junior year of high school, are selected on the basis of scholarship and American College Test scores, according to Dr. Tandy McElwee, head of the Department of Testing at NSU.

Participating in the programs during the summer semester are Sharon Barnhill, Mrs. Tonna Wise, Montgomery; Joseph Wozniak, CenterPoint; Linda Allen, Crowley; Patricia Bonnette, Leesville; Cheryl Browder, Emma Reynolds, Alexandria; James E. Bufkin, Elizabeth; Brenda Cason, Wanda Cason, Coushatta; Shirley Chachere, June Landers, DeQuincy; Donna Chapman, DeRidder;

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Youth Seminar is Slated For Campus

Applications are being accepted at Northwestern State University for the second annual Louisiana Youth Seminar which will be conducted by the NSU Student Union Governing Board for high school students July 16-21.

Student Union Governing Board president Val Marmillion will serve as director of the seminar, and Robert Wilson, NSU Student Union director, is adviser for the sixday program. Mrs. Betty Struna of the Student Union is in charge of reservations.

More than 190 students from 35 high schools across the state have already preregistered for the seminar. Delegates will be housed in Northwestern dormitories.

Delegates will be divided into groups and will meet throughout the day i n group sessions. Group discussions will center around such student topics as recreation, publications, school spirit, parliamentary procedure, school publicity, beauty pageants and other extracurricular activities.

Requests for applications should be addressed to the NSU Student Union.

Northwestern is **Presented Grant**

Northwestern State University has received a grant of \$40,000 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the expansion of an aquatic plant control program on Black Lake.

Dr. Dana R. Sanders, plant ecology and plant taxonomy instructor in the Northwestern Department of Biological Sciences, will serve as director of the grant program.

Sanders said the two-year study will be centered around the evaluation of slow-release herbicides as a means of controlling submergent aquatic weeds. Funds will also be used for a life history study of Cabomba, the most serious problem species in Black Lake.

Graduate students James Manning and Paula Easley, both of Natchitoches, will assist Sanders in his extensive research program on Black Lake.

Sanders said a portion of the funds received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be used to establish an aquatic plant control research laboratory on the Northwestern campus.

For the past two years, Sanders has been engaged in the study of submergent aquatic weeds in the lake. He has received funds from Placid Oil Company for a three-year study directed toward the development of a control plan for the weeds.

Located in Natchitoches and Red River parishes, Black Lake has been choked in recent years by the rapid growth of underwater plants and weeds. Sanders said that although Cabomba is the most serious problem species in the lake, another weed, Elodea, is also becoming dominant in the lake. He said it could be feasible to allow Elodea to push Cabomba out of the lake and then apply controls to Elodea.

Sanders has suggested several means of aquatic weed control such as the use of a specially-prepared bacterium to destroy the Elodea, construction of a new dam to allow closer control of water levels and the use of chemicals.

In the area of chemical research, Sanders plans to test effects of fertilization, evaluate slow-release herbicides and try injection methods.

Preliminary work suggests that some inherent water characteristics are contributing to the growth of the aquatic weeds. Areas of the lake which have clear water have a higher plant population than areas where the water is murky.

If Northwestern scientists are successful in finding control methods during the study, aquatic plant problems may also be solved in such areas as Saline Lake, Lake Bistineau, Toledo Bend Reservoir, and Sibley Lake.



Georgia Berridge Is Selected As Head Twirler For Marching Band



DR. ROBERT P. ROGER, head of the Department of Physics at Northwestern State University, has been named president-elect of the Louisiana section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He was elected during a recent meeting of the organization which was held in conjunction with the Louisiana Academy of Sciences.

Associate Degree Program is Begun

Northwestern's College of Nursing has established a twoyear associate degree program in nursing, and classes for the new program are scheduled to begin in the fall semester.

Dr. Peggy Ledbetter, dean of the NSU College of Nursing, said the associate degree program will be conducted in cooperation with Confederate Memorial Medical Center in Shreveport.

The new NSU program has received the approval of the State Board of Education, and

Coordinating Council for Higher Education and the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Miss Berridge, who wor four consecutive Texas State Two Baton Championships, develops her own routines. She twirls with fire batons, twirling knives, flags, hoop batons, and lasso batons. Margaret Ann Adams, Many; Julie Lalande, Alexandria, and Miss Berridge.

High school students elected who will enroll at Northwestern before fall were Sherry Anderson, Shreveport; Alice Carruth, Fisher; Joan Grillet, Houma; Janice Lancaster, Winnfield; Roxanna McCormick, Haughton; Carla Sherrill, Natchitoches; and Cindy Boullion, Vinton.

The daughter of Mr. and

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berridge, Georgia is a registered judge for twirling competition and is also a certified private twirling instructor.

Northwestern students
elected in campus-wide
tryouts were Joanne
Sullivan, Benton; Elizabeth
Smith, Vidalia; Dottye
Ricks, Mansfield; Ouida
Rice, Shreveport; Ginger
Lindsey. Natchitoches;

Lindsey. Natchitoches; Fifteen students have been selected to serve next year as twirlers for the Demon Marching Band, according to band director John Raush.

Georgia Berridge, 19-yearold sophomore from Shreveport, has been elected to serve next year as head twirler for the Demon Marching Band at Northwestern State University.

Miss Berridge, elementary education major and special education minor at NSU, was featured twirler for the band last year and will continue to serve as featured twirler in addition to acting as head twirler.

A 1971 graduate of Captain Shreve High School, Georgia was head twirler and featured twirler for the Captain Shreve band for two years. In 1970, she was named the Outstanding Twirler in the state's All-Star Marching Band at LSU.



